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SUBJ: ALLEGED PLAN TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT SENGHOR

1. ON 28 DECEMBER FRENCH ADVISOR TO SENEGALESE SURETE NATIONALE'S STATE SECURITY DIVISION PASSED EMBOFF COPY OF REPORT ENTITLED QTE PLAN TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR OR OVERTHROW HIS GOVERNMENT BY THE FREE AFRICA COMMITTEE UNQTE. ADVISOR STATED REPORT, WHICH IN ENGLISH AND UNDATED, WAS RECENTLY GIVEN SURETE BY UNSPECIFIED INFORMANT. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT QUOTED EXCERPTS FORM REPORT:

A. COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN FREE AFRICA COMMITTEE ARE TANZANIA, SOMALIA, GUINEA AND EAST GERMANY. AIM OF COMMITTEE IS TO EFFECT SOME POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN SOME SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE FRIENDLY TO WEST AND HAVE STRONG TIES WITH FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN AND USA. IN SENEGALE AIM IS TO CREATE REGIME WHICH IS FAVORABLE TO PRESIDENT TOURE OF GUINEA.

B. METHOD (OF OPERATION) IS TWO FOLD. ONE IS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT SENGHOR. MISS PATRICIA MORLEY WHO IS EMPLOYED
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BY ORBITAIR WHICH HAS HEADQUARTERS IN DETROIT IN AMERICA HAS

BEEN SENT TO SENEGAL TO FIND OUT THE POSITION. HER FIND (SIC) IS THAT HE HOULD BE SHOT BY USING .39 (SIC) WEMBLY REVOLVER. SHE WAS GIVEN MONEY TO GIVE SOME PEOPLE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD TO SHOOT THE PRESIDENT. ALSO, SOME SENEGALESE SECURITY OFFICERS HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS. ALSO, THERE IS A WEAPON CALLED PRENTIC (SIC). IT IS LIKE A CAMERA AND OPERATED JUST LIKE A CAMERA.

C. SHOULD ASSASSINATION FAIL OR FAILS TO PRODUCE GOOD LEADER, THEN THE OVERTHROW WOULD BE ORGANIZED. COMMITTEE HAVE (SIC) SET ASIDE FORTY MILLION FRANKS (SIC) TO MISS MORLEY TO INFILTRATE ARMED FORCES FOR THE OCCASION. MESSRS (SIC) T. DIALO WHO IS A SENEGALESE IS THE COMMITTEE'S AGENT IN DAKAR. PLANS ARE TO BE EXECUTED BETWEEN MARCH AND DECEMBER NEXT YEAR. (SIGNATURE ILLEGIIBLE).

2. ADVISOR STATED THAT WHILE HE THOUGHT REPORT WAS FABRICATED HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VALUABLE COMMENTS FOR PASSAGE TO HIS SUPERIORS AND TO PRESIDENCY. ADDED HE HAD CHECKED AIR PORT ENTRY/EXIT CARDS FOR NAME OF "PATRICIA MORLEY" BUT HAD FOUND NOTHING. STATED NAME OF "T. DIALO" MEANT NOTHING TO SURETE.

3. EMBOFF STATED NAME OF PATRICIA MORLEY HAD SURFACED IN GUINEA FEW MONTHS AGO BUT IN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CONTEXT. STATED IT HIS RECOLLECTION GOG HAD CHARGED MISS MORLEY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH GUINEAN EXILE GROUP WHICH PLANNED ASSASSINATE SEKOU TOURE. ADDED IN HIS RECOLLECTION US GOVERNMENT HAD ADVISED TOURE THAT "MORLEY" WAS GARBLED VERSION OF FAMILY NAME OF LEGITIMATE USIS EMPLOYEE WHO FREQUENTLY VISITED GUINEA ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND WHO WAS IN NO MANNER CONNECTED WITH GUINEAN EXILES OR ALLEGED PLANS TO KILL TOURE. STATED HE RECALLED THAT GOG HAD RECENTLY ADMITTED IT ERRED IN LINKING USIS EMPLOYEE OR US GOVT WITH ANY ASSASSINATION PLANS. REGARDING REPORT, EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT REPORT APPEARED BE DRAFTED BY PERSON WITH GOOD BUT NON-NATIVE COMMAND OF ENGLISH. STATED HE HAD SEEN NO REPORTS INDICATING THAT FOUR COUNTRIES CITED WERE INVOLVED IN ANY FREE AFRICA COMMITTEE. ADDED HE WOULD PASS ADDITIONAL INFO ON GUINEAN CHARGES RELATING MISS MORLEY AFTER REVIEWING FILE.

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4. WHILE SURETE ADVISOR APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN RELAXED AND SKEPTICAL APPROACH TO ABOVE REPORT, REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD BRIEF RESUME OF GUINEAN CHARGES AND USG REBUTTAL RE MORLEY/USG INVOLVEMENT WHICH SUITABLE FOR PASSAGE TO SURETE AND PRESIDENCY.
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